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1. ARTURO USLAR PIETRI IS ONE OF THE THREE OR FOUR MOST OUTSTANDING VENEZUELAN. HE IS AN INTELLECTUAL PRAISED BY ALL FOR THE LUCIDITY OF HIS THINKING, THE CLARITY OF HIS WRITING AND THE DEPTH OF HIS CONCERN FOR MORAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES BOTH VENEZUELAN AND INTERNATIONAL. HE WAS BORN ON 16 MAY 1906. EARNED A DOCTORATE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE CENTRAL UNIVERSITY IN 1929.

2. HE HAS HAD A DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS A PROFESSOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, IN VENEZUELAN LITERATURE, AND ECONOMICS AT THE CENTRAL UNIVERSITY. HE WAS ALSO PROFESSOR OF HISPANIC-AMERICAN LITERATURE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN NEW YORK IN 1947.

3. HE WAS MINISTER OF EDUCATION FROM 1939-1941, SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY FROM 1941-1943, MINISTER OF FINANCE 1943, MINISTER OF INTERIOR 1945, SENATOR IN THE NATIONAL CONGRESS 1958-1973. HE IS AT PRESENT THE DIRECTOR OF VENEZUELA'S MOST IMPORTANT DAILY NEWSPAPER, EL NACIONAL, BUT HIS RESIGNATION IS EXPECTED TO TAKE EFFECT WITHIN A MONTH OR SO. HE HAS WRITTEN NOVELS, BOOKS OF POETRY, TRAVEL BOOKS, BOOKS ON VENEZUELAN ECONOMICS, ESSAYS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS,

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LITERARY AND HISTORICAL ESSAYS, PLUS COUNTLESS EDITORIALS

AND ARTICLES IN EL NACIONAL AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

4. HE HAS MULTIPLE HONORS FROM 13 COUNTRIES SIX OF THEM FROM VENEZUELA, ONE OF THESE BEING THE NATIONAL PRIZE FOR LITERATURE. FROM THE U.S. HE HAS RECEIVED THE MARIA MOORS CABOT AWARD AND THE PRIZE SIP-MERGENTHALER.

5. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE ACADEMY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES OF VENEZUELA. HE IS A MEMBER ALSO OF THE VENEZUELAN ACADEMY OF LANGUAGE AND A MEMBER OF THE ACADEMY OF HISTORY.

6. HE HAS TRAVELLED ALL OVER THE WORLD EAST AND WEST, NORTH AND SOUTH.

7. HE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH.
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